

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated allowance of claims 35, 42-43, and 51. Applicant has amended claim 18 by adding the subject matter of claim 35 thereto. Claim 35 has been canceled. Applicant thus believes that inasmuch as claim 35 had been allowed, the addition of this subject matter to claim 18 assures that claim 18 will be found allowable by the Examiner.

Separately, inasmuch as claims 19-34 and 36-39 depend from now allowed claim 18, it is Applicant's contention that these claims are also allowable.

Applicant has also added the subject matter of claim 42 to claim 40, and inasmuch as claim 42 has been found allowable, Applicant believes that claim 40, inasmuch as it contains all of the subject matter of claim 42, is also allowable. Claim 42 has been canceled. Applicant contends that claims 41, 43, and 44 are also allowable inasmuch as they depend from newly amended claim 40.

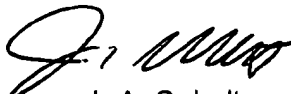
Similarly, the subject matter of allowed claim 51 has been added to independent claim 45, and claim 51 has been canceled. Applicant contends that claim 45 is now in condition for allowance and similarly, claims 46-50 and 52 are also allowable inasmuch as they depend from newly amended claim 45.

In view of the forgoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a Formal Notice of Allowability for the claims.

Please phone the undersigned Attorney if you have any questions remaining after this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted 2nd day of April, 2004.

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